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As a Canadian who lives in the East I have great pleasure in complying with the Editor of the "Western Home Monthl to send a message of greeting to his Western readers. Our futur prosperity in Canada depends upon the close bonds of sympathy tha we are able to establish tetween East and West. We are people of the same origin, the same traditions, the same social customs, the same religion and the same political aims. Those who have gone from the East to the West have tuilt up a new country which is an increasing source of pride to their kith and kin in the Eastern home; and those who have entered the West from Britain, the United States or other countries adapt themselves so readily to our Canadian institutions that we can anticipate with much confidence a solidarity throughout this Dominion. No more hopeful token of our future has been given to us recently then the Union Government which has just teen consummated at Ottawa. We are all united at the present moment for one purpose, that is, the maintaining of our democracy.

The heroism of the people in the West comes as a message of cheer to us in the East. Prosperity that a kind providence has given you this year has gladdened our hearts and made us rejoice with you, and from us, who are suffering, as you a suffering for a great cause, there goes out to you a common note of courage that we may mutually cheer one another in our sorrow and remain steadfast until we have in common with the Allies secured a permanent peace.

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